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SUBJECT: WMO PROJECT IN SRI LANKA

1. DEPARTMENT WILL SEND BY AIRGRAM BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP) PROJECT THAT NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA) OF COMMERCE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO UNDERTAKE IN SRI LANKA AS PART OF OUR OBLIGATION AS VAP DONOR NATION.

2. PROJECT IS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AUTOMATIC PICTURE TRANSMISSION (APT) GROUND READ-OUT STATION TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT KATUNAYAKA (BANDARANAIKE) INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THIS STATION WILL RECEIVE PICTURES FROM WEATHER SATELLITES. PROJECT APT STATION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY ONE NOAA TECHNICIAN, EDWARD RICH, UTILIZING LOCAL SRI LANKAN ASSISTANCE. CONSTRUCTION TIME IS ONE TO TWO WEEKS, AND RICH PLANS TO LEAVE FOR COLOMBO WITHIN NEXT TWO TO FOUR WEEKS.
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